

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of the claims replaces all previous listings and versions of the claims in the application:

5 Listing of the Claims:

1. (original) A method of establishing a communication path from a first legal entity in a data communication network, comprising the steps of:

providing at least one private reference point comprised in said data communication network,

10 establishing a communication path from said first legal entity to said private reference point,

verifying the authentication of said first legal entity relative to said private reference point from said first legal entity and

15 establishing communication from said private reference point to a second legal entity through said data communication network without disclosing the identity of said first legal entity.

2. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising a preliminary step of authenticating said first legal entity by registering data selected from the group consisting of biometrics, a signature, a code [[or]] and any combinations thereof ~~and/or~~ and comparing the registered data with correspondingly stored data.

3. (original) The method according to claim 1 or 2, said first legal entity being an identity device.

25 4. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said first legal entity is ~~constituted by an identity card or~~ comprises a [[chip]] card including encrypted data, said method further comprising:

30 said first legal entity receiving an encrypted key from said private reference point, decrypting said encrypted key using a second stored key, and decrypting said encrypted data using said key.

5. (currently amended) The method according to ~~any of the claims 1-4~~ claim 1 or 2, said communication network being selected from the group consisting of a personal area network, local area network, a wide area network, a global area network, the Internet, a radio network, a PSTN, a GSM network, a CDMA network, a UMTS network ~~[[or]]~~ and any combinations thereof.

6. (currently amended) The method according to ~~any of the claims 1-5~~ claim 1 or 2, said private reference point being addressable by the authenticated holder of said first legal entity from a computer communicating with said data communication network.

7. (currently amended) The method according to ~~any of the claims 1-6~~ claim 1 or 2, further comprising said first legal entity allowing or blocking access to said private reference point by a third legal entity, ~~constituting a third party~~.

8. (currently amended) The method according to claim 7, wherein said third legal entity is ~~constituted by~~ a party selected from the group consisting of a third party and said first legal entity.

9. (currently amended) The method according to ~~any of the claims 1-8~~ claim 1 or 2, wherein said communication involves creating and negotiating an accountability path for this otherwise anonymous transaction dynamically adapted to the context risk profile.

10. (currently amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein said second legal entity establishes a procedure to identify a party selected from the group consisting of said first legal entity ~~[[or]]~~ and the holder of said first legal entity.

11. (currently amended) The method according to ~~any of the claims 1-10~~ claim 1 or 2, wherein said specific identification information is selected from the group consisting of at least one of biometrics, ~~and/or~~ name, ~~and/or~~ digital signature, ~~and~~ ~~and/or~~ legal a code.

12. (currently amended) The method according to ~~any of the claims 1-11~~ claim 1 or 2, further comprising:
providing an identity provider and a service provider,

establishing communication from said second legal entity to said service provider,
establishing communication from said service provider to said identity provider,
providing a fifth legal entity, constituted by a financial institution,
establishing communication from said service provider to said fourth legal entity,
5 transmitting information from said second legal entity to said service provider,
transmitting said information from said service provider to said identity provider,
transmitting said information from said identity provider to said fifth legal entity,
said fourth legal entity responding to said information by transmitting an payment ac-
cept to said identity provider,
10 said identity provider transmitting payment accept to said service provider, and
said service provider transmitting payment accept to said second legal entity.

13. (original) A system for establishing a communication path from a first legal entity in a
data communication network, comprising:

15 at least one private reference point comprised in said data communication network,
a communication path defined from said first legal entity to said private reference
point,

the authentication of said first legal entity being verified relative to said private refer-
ence point from said first legal entity and

20 a path of communication established from said private reference point to a second le-
gal entity through said data communication network without disclosing the identity of said
first legal entity to said second legal entity.

14. (original) The system according to claim 13, wherein said private reference point is
25 stored on a server communicating with said data communication network.

15. (currently amended) The system according to claim 13 or 14, wherein said communica-
tion network is ~~constituted by~~ selected from the group consisting of a personal area network,
a local area network, a wide area network, a radio network, a global area network, the Inter-
30 net, a PSTN, a GSM network, a CDMA network, a UMTS network ~~[[or]]~~ and any combina-
tions thereof.

16. (currently amended) The system according to ~~any of the claims 13-15~~ claim 13 or 14, wherein said first legal entity ~~[[being]]~~ is an identity device.

5 17. (currently amended) The system according to ~~any of the claims 13-16~~ claim 13 or 14, wherein said first legal entity ~~being an identity card or~~ comprises a ~~[[chip]]~~ card including encrypted data ~~such as a digital signature~~ for verifying the authenticity relative to said private reference point.

10 18. (currently amended) The system according to ~~any of the claims 13-17~~ claim 13 or 14, wherein said authenticity of said first legal entity is obtained by use of data selected from the group consisting of at least one of biometrics ~~and/or~~ and codes ~~and/or~~ and digital signatures.

19. (cancelled)

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